

REMARKS

Status of the Application

Claims 1-9, 11-22, 24 and 25 are pending in the application. Claims 1-9, 11-15 and 24 are allowed. Claims 16-22 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicants hereby amend claims 16, 17, 19 and 20. The amendments are such are in accordance with the Examiner's suggested amendment on page 3 of the instant Office Action, and should be entered as the Examiner has clearly previously contemplated said amendments.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-9, 11-15 and 24 are allowed.

Claim Rejections -- 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 16-22 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicants hereby amend claims 16, 17, 29 and 20, which were previously proposed by the Examiner and accepted by Applicants, in order to cure the noted deficiencies.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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